

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

September 8, 1998
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ron Krosting, Mesa, Chairman	Chris Turner for George Flanagan, Litchfield Park
Floyd Roehrich for Jess Jarvis, ADOT	Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
*William Bates, Avondale	*Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
*Delbert Self, Buckeye	*Dan Nissen, Peoria
*Phil Hughes, Cave Creek	Don Herp, Phoenix
Ty Hofflander, Chandler	*Dick Schaner, Queen Creek
*Warren Sparks, Gila Bend	*Larry Keeler, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Bob Brown for Alex McLaren, Scottsdale
Gary B. Thomas, Gilbert	Larry Shobe for Harvey Friedson, Tempe
Grant Anderson, Glendale	Mannuel Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Larry Martinez, Goodyear	*Don Needham, Youngtown
*Susanna Struble, Guadalupe	
*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy	

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Ward, MAG	Anne MacCracken, MAG
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman Ron Krosting

2. Approval of the July 14, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Ron Krosting suggested that voting committee members names be separated from non-voting committee members in the meeting minutes. The minutes from the July 14, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved with this correction.

3. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 1998 thru 2002 and the Federal Fund Balances

Anne MacCracken reported that the MAG's estimated obligation authority is approximately 55 million. Ms. MacCracken continued to say that the ten projects approved for either acceleration or

additional federal funding have been included in the financial and project status reports.

Paul Ward stated that projects need to be obligated by September 15th in order to be obligated this federal fiscal year. Mr. Ward went through each unobligated project listed in the project status report. Mr. Ward asked Ty Hofflander about the design for the Dobson Road bike project. Mr. Hofflander replied that the DCR has been submitted. Mr. Ward asked Gary Thomas about the special event traffic signal project. Floyd Roehrich said there is an issue about how the consultant was selected. Mr. Thomas said that the selection process and the IGA has been approved. Mr. Ward asked Don Herp about the status of the joint project between Phoenix and Maricopa County on Bell Road. Mr. Herp replied that the dates on the status sheet are still current. Mr. Roehrich said that the issued regarding the environmental statement have been cleared up and the project should be obligated this week. Mr. Ward asked Bob Brown about the status of the 19th Avenue/ Arizona Canal projects. Mr. Brown replied that the project will not obligate.

4. FY 1998 Closeout

Paul Ward reported that the MAG Region received more federal funds than expected this year. Mr. Ward continued to say that of the 55 million in obligation authority, half is in the form of CMAQ funds. Mr. Ward said that over the span of TEA-21 MAG will continue to receive half of federal funds in the form of CMAQ funds. Mr. Ward commented that this may present a problem because CMAQ funds can not be used on freeway projects. In addition only 12 million in CMAQ funds have been programmed for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. Mr. Ward said that more CMAQ projects need to be programmed for this years.

Mr. Ward stated that another issue is the types of street projects eligible for CMAQ funds. Mr. Ward continued to say that in the past, turn lanes at intersections have not been favored. Mr. Ward suggested that members begin lobbying their Regional Council and TRC members. Chris Plumb asked if paving dirt roads are eligible for CMAQ funds. Ron Krosting said that in the past paving dirt roads were considered maintenance not a capital projects. Grant Anderson asked about Enhancement funds. Mr. Ward replied that the request for submission of enhancement projects will be in the next Street Committee Agenda. Mr. Anderson asked about the amount of STP going to the MAG region. Mr. Ward answered that while the STP has remained the same, CMAQ has increased and minimum allocation has been replaced by minimum guarantee

4. Changes to the Draft FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Paul Ward stated that the changes made to the Draft 1999-2003 TIP are included in the Errata Sheet Three. He continued to say that most of these changes were to ADOT projects because ADOT and MAG are on different cycles for program development. Mr. Ward said that the Draft FY 1999-2003 TIP has passed Air Quality Conformity analysis and at the end of this month this document will go before the Regional Council for final approval. Mr. Ward continued to say that the document should be approved by the Governor and FHWA by December 1st.

5. Process for the Development of the FY 2000-204 MAG TIP

Mr. Ward state that a subcommittee of the Regional Council will possibly meet on September 23rd to discuss priorities for programming MAG federal funds. In addition the Subcommittee will discuss the policy of devoting 70% of MAG federal funds to freeway projects. Mr. Ward continued to say that the problem is that funding increases are in the form of CMAQ which is difficult to use on freeway projects. Mr. Ward stated that there may not be enough STP to maintain the 70% MAG federal funds allocated to freeway projects.

Mr. Ward stated that another issue that possibly will be discussed at the September 23rd meeting is modal allocation. Mr. Ward continued to say that the TRC has requested guidance for submitted project priorities.

6. Roads of Regional Significance

Mr. Ward distributed two handouts. Mr. Ward clarified that the Note 2 referred to in the handouts states that in the case where jurisdiction have not submitted information, that he used information from 2020 Network Projection map to determine if a segment would be developed to RRS standards. Mr. Ward stated that approximately 62% of all RRS segments are either developed to RRS specification or are planned to be developed to those standards. Mr. Ward continued to say that these handouts will be mailed out to the TRC Committee by the end of this week and that if there are any changes or corrections to the segments please notify him before the TRC mail out.

8. Congestion Management System (CMS)

Mr. Ward stated that the CMS is being redeveloped. Mr Ward continued to say that there are four factors in the CMS rating system. The first is congestion which is weighted 45%, the second is performance/cost which is weighted 15%, the third is mobility zone which is weighted 25% and final is multi-modal which is weighted at 15%.

Mr. Ward reported that the congestion factor is one area where change is proposed. Mr. Ward commented that the weighting for volume to capacity future and current is being examined. In addition ITS, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees are looking to modify the multi-modal factor. Mr. Ward suggested that members of the Street Committee form a sub-committee to discuss the CMS rating system in the month of October. Ron Krosting asked if there were any volunteers for this sub-committee. Chris Plumb, Chris Turner and Ty Hofflander volunteered for the sub-committee.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. Chairman Krosting asked if any member would be interested in sharing the responsibility of chairing the Street Committee.